

AN ORDINANCE 9 8 1 9 1

ESTABLISHING A BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) TRANSPORT FEE OF \$350.00 AND INCREASING THE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, LEVEL 1 TRANSPORT FEE FROM \$350.00 TO \$375.00; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-3 OF THE CITY CODE TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES.

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WHEREAS, Basic Life Support is utilized when the patient is transported by ground ambulance and the provision of medical noninvasive emergency lifesaving care is provided; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable to create a Basic Life Support (BLS) Transport Fee of \$350.00 per transport and to increase the current Advanced Life Support (ALS) Level 1 Transport Fee from \$350.00 to \$375.00 per transport as established in section 15-3 of the San Antonio City Code; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the San Antonio City Code to reflect these amendments; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Section 15-3 of the San Antonio City Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(a) The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring BLS emergency medical services is three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per patient plus nine dollars (\$9.00) per mile. The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring ALS Level 1 emergency medical services is three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375.00) per patient plus nine dollars (\$9.00) per mile. The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring ALS Level 2 emergency medical services is four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per patient plus nine dollars (\$9.00) per mile. In addition to the transportation fee, a surcharge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is assessed to each nonresident patient who is transported for emergency medical services.

A nonresident is any person who does not permanently reside within the territorial limits of the city of San Antonio or who resides within the territorial limits of an adjoining incorporated city which does not have a contract with the city of San Antonio to provide emergency medical services.

(b) The fee for an emergency medical services call which does not require transportation (nontransport) is thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per patient.

(c) The fee for the transportation of a deceased person to the morgue is seventy dollars (\$70.00).

(d) There is hereby established the following schedule of fees to be paid to the city by each patient who is provided or administered the listed emergency medical supplies, medications, or services per each use:

(1)	Albuterol	\$ 5.00 per use
(2)	Dextrose	\$ 5.00 per use
(3)	Epinephrine	\$ 5.00 per use
(4)	Atropine	\$ 5.00 per use
(5)	Naloxine	\$ 5.00 per use
(6)	Normal Saline	\$ 5.00 per use
(7)	Bandaging	\$ 10.00 per use
(8)	Intravenous line	\$ 10.00 per use
(9)	Oxygen and related supplies	\$ 15.00 per use
(10)	Electrocardiogram monitor and electrocardiogram related supplies	\$ 35.00 per use
(11)	Amiodarone	\$170.00 per use

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2003.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of September, 2003.

MAYOR
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: Jela de L. Ledezma
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: M. Bennett May
City Attorney